

Today, America's flag graces classrooms, statehouses, courtrooms, and churches, serving as a daily reminder of this Nation's past accomplishments and ongoing dedication to safeguarding individual rights. The brave members of our Armed Forces carry "Old Glory" with them as they fulfill their mission to defend the blessings of democracy and peace across the globe; our banner flies from public buildings as a sign of our national community; and its folds drape the tombs of our distinguished dead. The flag is a badge of honor to all—a sign of our citizens' common purpose.

This week and throughout the year let us do all we can to teach younger generations the significance of our flag. Its 13 red and white stripes represent not only the original colonies, but also the courage and purity of our Nation, while its 50 stars stand for the separate but united States of our Union. Let us pledge allegiance to this flag to declare our patriotism and raise its colors high to express our pride and respect for the American way of life.

To commemorate the adoption of our flag, the Congress, by joint resolution approved August 3, 1949 (63 Stat. 492), designated June 14 of each year as "Flag Day" and requested the President to issue an annual proclamation calling for its observance and for the display of the Flag of the United States on all Federal Government buildings. The Congress also requested the President, by joint resolution approved June 9, 1966 (80 Stat. 194), to issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 falls as "National Flag Week" and calling upon all citizens of the United States to display the flag during that week.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim June 14, 1996, as Flag Day and the week beginning June 9, 1996, as National Flag Week. I direct the appropriate officials to display the flag on all Federal Government buildings during that week, and I urge all Americans to observe Flag Day and National Flag Week by flying the Stars and Stripes from their homes and other suitable places.

I also call upon the people of the United States to observe with pride and all due cere-

mony those days from Flag Day through Independence Day, also set aside by Congress (89 Stat. 211), as a time to honor our Nation, to celebrate our heritage in public gatherings and activities, and to publicly recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twentieth.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on June 12.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

June 1

The President declared a major disaster in the State of Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes on May 28.

The President declared a major disaster in the State of Minnesota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by flooding beginning March 14 and continuing.

June 3

In the evening, the President attended a Democratic National Committee dinner at the Jefferson Hotel. Later, he attended a dinner for the Democratic Business Council at the Sheraton Carlton Hotel.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey Davidow as the Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alberto Aleman Zubieta to be Administrator of the Panama Canal Commission.

June 4

In the morning, the President traveled to Princeton, NJ, and he returned to Washington, DC, in the afternoon.

In the evening, the President attended a Democratic National Committee dinner at the Sheraton Carlton Hotel.

The President announced his intention to reappoint Everett Alvarez, Jr., to the Board of Regents for the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

The President announced his intention to nominate Madeleine May Kunin to be Ambassador to Switzerland.

June 5

The President declared a major disaster in the State of North Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, ice jams, and ground saturation due to high water tables on March 12 and continuing.

The White House announced that the President has invited President Glafcos Clerides of Cyprus to Washington for a working visit on June 18.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ned W. Bandler, E. William Crotty, Phyllis Kaminsky, Alice A. Kelikian, Rachmiel Liberman, and Warren L. Miller to the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

The President announced his intention to nominate Reginald E. Jones to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

June 6

In the afternoon, the President had telephone conversations with Prime Minister John Bruton of Ireland and Prime Minister John Major of Great Britain.

In the evening, the President hosted a reception for the White House Environment Day Conference in the Green Room.

June 7

The President declared a major disaster in the State of Alaska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery ef-

forts in the area struck by fires beginning June 2 and continuing.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted June 3

Jeffrey Davidow,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State, vice Alexander Fletcher Watson, resigned.

Johnny H. Hayes,
of Tennessee, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2005 (re-appointment), to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Doris B. Holleb,
of Illinois, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2002, vice Kenny Jackson Williams, term expired.

Alberto Aleman Zubieta,
a citizen of the Republic of Panama, to be Administrator of the Panama Canal Commission, vice Gilberto Guardia Fabrega, resigned.

Submitted June 4

Madeleine May Kunin,
of Vermont, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Switzerland.

Submitted June 6

Robert L. Hinkle,
of Florida, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, vice William H. Stafford, Jr., retired.